



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ONE DAY MARRIAGE DESIGNATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications ***MUST*** be received 6 weeks prior to the date of the wedding.
- 2) Applicants are allowed only ***ONE DESIGNATION PER CALENDAR YEAR*****
- 3) Completed applications are to be submitted ***WITH*** a \$25 registration fee made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This fee can be paid by anyone. Applications approved by Governor Mitt Romney will be forwarded to the Secretary of State's Office for processing. ***APPLICATIONS THAT ARE RECEIVED WITHOUT THE REQUISITE CHECK WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.***
- 3) The names of the applicant, Party A and Party B must be typed or printed as you wish them to appear on the certificate that will be issued by the Secretary of State's Office. This information must coincide with the names printed on the marriage certificate. Illegible applications will cause a delay in processing the application.
- 4) A ***letter of reference*** stating the applicant's high standard of character is required for all applicants. The letter of reference can be written by anyone, except Party A or Party B. Applications will not be processed without a letter of reference. ********
- 5) The Secretary of State's Office will then issue a Certificate of Solemnization. The married parties must turn in this certificate to their town hall. ***PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF THE MARRIAGE AND/OR A CHANGE IN THE DATE OF THE MARRIAGE, YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION***

***** Except Judges & members of the Legislature***

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One Day Marriage Designation Application

*Valid for all applicants who reside in Massachusetts and for out-of-state applicants who are
NOT court appointed officers or clergy members.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

I hereby petition for the designation to solemnize a marriage on a particular date for the following reason:

Please Print or Type Clearly and Accurately

**Names will appear on the certificate as they appear on the application*

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Check here if you are a Judge or Justice: ☐

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? ☐ NO ☐ YES - Please supply a typed letter of explanation.

Party A Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Party B Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

City/Town of Wedding Location: _____

Date of Proposed Marriage: _____

**APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN THE REQUISITE CHECK AND LETTER OF REFERENCE WILL
BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED (Please initial here)** _____

ALL STATEMENTS MADE UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY. (CHAPTER 187, Acts of 1926)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **Date** _____

Return completed application to:

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE HOUSE, ROOM 271M
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02133
ATTN: APPOINTMENTS OFFICE